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TAGS: OCLR, AG

SUBJECT: U.S. NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO ALGERIA

REF: ALGIERS 0482

1. AS FOLLOW UP TO YOUR DISCUSSION IN DOD IN DECEMBER 74, NAVY WAS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON EXISTENCE AND AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING SHIPS IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA FOR POSSIBLE VISIT TO ALGERIA.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO DEDICATED MIDSHIPMAN TRAINING CRUISE SCHEDULED FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN THIS YEAR, IT CAN BE ANTICIPATED THAT ABOUT 20 MIDSHIPMEN WILL BE ON BOARD EACH SIXTH FLEET DESTROYER DURING THE PERIOD FROM MID-JUNE THROUGH AUGUST.

3. WHILE RECOGNIZING ALGERIAN NEED TO MOVE SLOWLY ON MILITARY QUESTIONS (REFTEL) WE ARE NONETHELESS ENCOURAGED BY COMMANDER OF GENDARMERIE INTEREST IN MILITARY COOPERATION. IF YOU BELIEVE ALGERIANS MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE, YOU MIGHT RAISE AGAIN, ON SOME APPROPRIATE OCCASION THE SUBJECT OF SHIP VISITS EMPHASIZING MIDSHIPMEN TRAINING ASPECTS AND MUTUAL BENEFITS POSSIBLE FROM ALGERIAN-US MIDSHIPMEN CONTACT.

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4. SHOULD GOA BE AMENABLE TO THIS APPROACH, REQUEST
EMBASSY VIEWS ON POSSIBILITIES OF ARRANGING DESTROYER
VISIT FOR LATE JUNE 1975, AS OPENER FOR ESTABLISHING
CLOSER CONTACT WITH ALGERIAN MILITARY. INGERSOLL

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